

SANTA CLARA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

7 PM, County Building, 70 W Hedding St, San Jose

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AGENDA FOR Thursday, September 5, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. IDENTIFICATION OF VISITORS

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Thursday, August 1, 2019

5bis. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Amend Executive Board Duties and Responsibilities Act to add description of Director of Inclusion and Diversity
- b. Resolution to Support Common Sense Gun Laws
- c. Resolution on Gun Violence Prevention in San Jose
- d. Resolution Regarding Reach Codes in Santa Clara County

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution to Preserve Locally-Owned Small Businesses
- b. SCCDCC Intern Program Report
- c. Policy Banning Single Use Plastic Bottles and Straws, Targeting 25% or more Vegetarian Food, and Reducing Paper at SCCDCC Meetings

8. REPORTS

- a. Executive Board/Chair: Bill James
- b. Vice Chair: Jean Cohen
- c. Treasurer: Angelica Ramos
- d. Secretary: Helen Chapman
- e. Issues: Michael Vargas
- f. Community Services and Voter Registration: Judy Pipkin
- g. Finance: Prameela Bartholomeusz
- h. Endorsements: Clarence Madrilejos
- i. Communications: John Comiskey
- j. Gender Equity and the Status of Women: Shay Franco-Clausen
- k. Campaign Services: Titus Lin
- l. Clubs: Alex Wara
- m. Regional Director Report(s)
- n. DNC: Otto Lee
- o. DTV Report: Steve Chessin
- p. Pro-Choice Coalition: Claudia Shope

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

10. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Next Meeting September 18, 2019,
6-7:30pm, Moorpark

11. ADJOURNMENT

Director of Inclusion and Diversity

Motion to amend the Executive Board Duties and Responsibilities Act Amend the to add Section II.M. as follows:

II.M. Director of Inclusion and Diversity

II.M.1. To ensure the many and diverse communities of Santa Clara County are represented and have voice, status, power, and influence in the Santa Clara County Democratic Party and in elected office and appointed commissions in Santa Clara County.

II.M.2. To broaden the base of support, volunteers, and activists of the Santa Clara County Democratic Party through outreach to the diverse communities of Santa Clara County.

II.M.3. To promote the interests of, among, and across the diverse communities of Santa Clara County in and through the work of the Santa Clara County Democratic Party.

II.M.4. To compile once every two years a report of the current number and percentage of historically under-represented groups in elected office and appointed commissions in Santa Clara County and to report annually on the status of efforts to improve and ensure such representation.

Resolution to Support Common Sense Gun Laws

WHEREAS individuals with guns injure more than 100,000 people a year and kill more than 30,000 a year including through homicides, suicides, and accidental deaths and far more Americans have been killed with guns in the U.S. than have died in all our wars combined;

WHEREAS America has suffered numerous shooting massacres over the past 30 years, including the recent mass shootings in Gilroy, Dayton, and El Paso; and

WHEREAS nearly two-thirds of Americans agree that we should ban the sale of assault weapons as well as high-capacity magazines or clips that can hold more than 10 and in some cases 100 or more bullets at a time, and the large majority of Americans support requiring all gun buyers to pass a criminal background check, no matter where they purchase the weapon or from whom they buy it;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party calls on governments at all levels to adopt common sense laws to prevent or at least reduce the violent use of guns in America and the loss of life resulting from such use, including at a minimum:

1. Banning the sale of military-style assault weapons as well as high-capacity magazines or clips that can hold more than 10 bullets at a time;
2. Requiring all gun buyers to pass a criminal background check, no matter how they purchase the weapon, and ensuring public officials have sufficient time to complete meaningful background checks before a gun is obtained; and,
3. Ensuring the availability and funding of mental health and substance abuse treatment so all individuals who are in need of help have sufficient access to these services, and the support of enhanced mental health services for all those at risk of engaging in gun violence and for children and all those affected by gun violence and the fear of such violence.

Sponsored by Sousan Manteghi-Soufakish

Resolution on Gun Violence Prevention in San Jose

WHEREAS, the wide-spread availability of guns, especially weapons of mass casualties such as semi-automatic weapons, has lead to a growing epidemic of gun violence in the United States that claims 36,383 lives each year, making Americans 25 times more likely to die from gun violence than citizens of our peer nations Canada, France, German, Australia, the United Kingdom, and Japan; and

WHEREAS, gun violence costs the American economy \$229 billion per year, including \$8.6 billion in direct expenses paid by taxpayers and victims in property damage, law enforcement, and medical bills; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of San Jose has proposed an initiative to address the unlawful access to and ballooning costs of gun violence which includes: (i) requiring that gun owners either obtain liability insurance on the weapon or pay a fee to offset the public cost of gun violence; (ii) imposing gun and ammunition sales taxes to help fund gun safety classes, gun violence prevention programs, and additional victim assistance services for survivors of gun violence; (iii) exploring a consent-to-search program for juveniles, which would allow parents to consent to have local law enforcement search a juvenile's person or their property; and (vi) creating a program that would offer cash rewards to anyone who reports someone who possesses unlawfully-obtained guns or weapons;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party supports the Mayor's proposed initiative to address the unlawful access to and costs of gun violence in San Jose; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the officers and directors of the Santa Clara County Democratic Party are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all such action as may be necessary and prudent to support the Mayor's proposed initiative, as it may be amended or modified, including but not limited to, sending letters or making calls of support to the members of the San Jose City Council, speaking during any public comment period, and/or advocating on behalf of the initiative to the public.

Respectfully Submitted by Michael Vargas (AD25)

Resolution Regarding Reach Codes in Santa Clara County

WHEREAS the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors voted on August 27, 2019 to declare a climate emergency; and

WHEREAS the Santa Clara County Democratic Party Platform (SCCDPP) recognizes the importance of protecting and empowering vulnerable and underrepresented demographic groups, and notes that persons under the age of 18 are the most underrepresented group in our society, and that today's young people are highly vulnerable to future climate disruption that their generation has done little to cause; and

WHEREAS the SCCDPP explicitly encourages local government to require new development to meet rigorous LEED or green building standards and Reach Codes are a way for cities to go beyond the state's energy efficiency requirements for new buildings;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party supports the adoption of Reach Codes in 2019 that incentivize or require the construction of new buildings that are all-electric or "all-electric ready" and that are pre-wired for electric vehicles; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call on all Democrats, particularly those who serve as elected officials at the town, city or County level, to demonstrate their commitment to the environment, to our youth, and to the Santa Clara County Democratic Party by actively supporting the adoption of strong reach codes in their community.

Prepared by Bruce Karney with input from Dave Poeschel, Dashiell Leeds, and Gladwyn D'Souza

Resolution to Preserve Locally-Owned Small Business

WHEREAS small businesses have created two-thirds of all net new private sector jobs over the past decade, and further help to close the racial and gender wealth divides, protect against further increased income inequality by ensuring profits flow to local owners and workers are paid fair wages, generate substantially more local economic activity than larger companies, and increase the quality of life in the neighborhoods in which they are located;

WHEREAS locally-owned small businesses are a source of wealth, stability, job creation, and community support in our local communities, and particularly in communities of color, historically disadvantaged communities, and communities that historically have not enjoyed the same level of investment, attention, and support as more affluent communities; and

WHEREAS public policies to encourage investment and development projects in any community should serve the entire community's interests, including by ensuring locally-owned small businesses are not displaced and/or replaced by large chain businesses the profits of which flow principally to owners who are not members of the community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Party supports family-owned and other locally-owned small businesses, and calls on local communities to ensure that development projects are not approved unless the developer presents a viable plan to preserve locally-owned small businesses impacted by their development plan, including if required a developer-funded plan to support the relocation within the affected community of locally-owned small businesses that would otherwise be displaced by their project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be provided to local governments, with a request that they incorporate protections for locally-owned small businesses in their approval processes and legal requirements to approve public and private development projects.

Submitted by SCCDCC Member and CDP Regional Director Omar Torres